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Applicant(s): Van den Bos and Mbalaviele

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ELECTION OF INVENTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated 12 November 2003, Applicant responds by electing the claims of Group I (claims 1-13 and 17-23), drawn to nucleic acids, vectors and cells, and with respect to SEQ ID NO: 1.

No fee is believed to be due in filing this response. If any fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any and all such fees to Deposit Account No. 03-0678.

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TRANSMITTAL

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In response to the Office Action, dated 12 November 2003, Applicant herewith submits the following:

1. Election of Invention (2 sheets); and
2. Self-addressed, Postage-paid Return Postcard.

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